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Torrance Mayor and Council Honor Former Assemblyman George Nakano With Renaming of Stage II Theatre to “George Nakano Theatre”

TORRANCE, Calif., June 17, 2005 – Torrance Mayor Dan Walker and City Council bestow recognition on former state Assemblyman George Nakano with the renaming of Stage II Theatre to George Nakano Theatre. To officially mark this change, the public is invited to a renaming ceremony that will be held on June 21st at 3:30 p.m. in front of the theatre at 3330 Civic Center Drive.

During the ceremony, the facility’s new name, “George Nakano Theatre”, will be unveiled. Nakano dedicated twenty years of his life to public service. He served for six years in the California State Assembly, the first member of the Torrance community elected to this position. Prior to this, he served Torrance as a city councilman for 14 years.

During his years as a public servant, Nakano made significant contributions to the City including initiating the Graffiti Abatement Program in 1988, establishing its Office of Economic Development in 1992, and in the same year, successfully keeping the City’s Assembly district lines unified. He was instrumental in procuring funding for the building of Stage II Theatre, which is being renamed in his honor.

Since its opening in March 2004, George Nakano Theatre (formerly Stage II Theatre), has been home for the Torrance Theatre Company. This “black box” theatre, designed for flexible seating and staging configurations for performances and arts education, spans 4800 sq. feet with the capacity of 99 to 200.

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